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***“What makes
Baseball special is
the emotional bond
between the past
and present.”***



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Dear Indians Fans:

From its roots to the present, Cleveland Indians Baseball has been distinguished by great ballplayers and great moments. It is through the fortunes of the 1,625 men that have played professionally in Cleveland, and the memories they have created, that the history of Cleveland Indians Baseball is learned, appreciated and celebrated.

What makes Baseball special is the emotional bond between the past and present. In this Special Edition Yearbook we celebrate our rich heritage, as well as connect you to the members of the exciting 2006 Indians team.

We hope you enjoy the story on the greatest Indian of all-time, “Rapid” Robert Feller, who celebrates the 70th Anniversary of his Major League debut this season. We also hope you will enjoy our salute to this organization’s rich heritage, as we create an even stronger bond with the past through the resurrection of the Cleveland Indians Hall of Fame.

Memories are created in the present, and the 2006 Indians are poised to create memories of their own. It was with clarity of purpose we embarked on rebuilding our baseball team three seasons ago. Through the power of teamwork, strength of conviction in the plan, and a respect for the game, we have realized a 25-game improvement since 2003 (69 wins to 93 victories in 2005).

GM Mark Shapiro and Manager Eric Wedge have identified a core group of young, talented players who will be the cornerstone of our next championship run. They have been provided the resources to secure that core, which is the foundation of our future success.

Whether you choose to visit Jacobs Field, listen on the 30-station Indians Radio Network, with WTAM 1100 as the flagship station, watch on SportsTime Ohio, access information via our website at indians.com, or by reading the newspaper coverage, your enjoyment of Indians Baseball is our top priority.

When we speak to Indians Baseball being a total team effort, that includes you! We thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Larry Dolan
Owner and Chief Executive Officer



Welcome to the 2006 Cleveland Indians season!

We are so excited to be back in action and are looking forward to an amazing summer of baseball. The Cleveland Indians Wives Association is also looking forward to many opportunities off the field to give back to the Cleveland Community in 2006. This season we will be bringing back programs that have been a great success in the past, as well as introducing some new outreach efforts.

The Wives Association will be working with fantastic organizations and programs this season including: The Providence House-Story Hour, American Heart Association, Grand Slam Literacy program, Major League Lunches, Rebuilding Together, Feed the Need, The Baseball Tomorrow Fund equipment drive, NCCJ Walk as One Rock as One, and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race for the Cure along with many others!



2005 Wives Association



I am thrilled to announce that we will once again be hosting **Mystery Ball**, a fundraiser to benefit the Providence House Inc., a crisis nursery. After a huge success in 2005, raising over \$16,000.00, we are planning to make this year's Mystery Ball a much bigger and better event! Our goal is to obtain and sell over 600 autographed baseballs, and to improve on the incredible silent auction items that were available last year. This will be an event to remember on **Thursday, July 6, 2006 vs. NY Yankees**. You must get there early, as tickets will sell out in a hurry; last year we sold out of baseballs in less than 20 minutes!

The 2006 season is going to be an exciting time to be at Jacobs Field. We hope to see you here often to cheer on the Tribe, and thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Kate Wedge

Some Dates to Remember:

April 11, 2006
Cleveland Indians Charities
First Pitch Luncheon

May 6, 2006
NCCJ
Walk as One - Rock as One

May 14, 2006
Race for the Cure
Day at Jacobs Field

June 21, 2006
Grand Slam Literacy
Program at Mayfield
Regional Branch from
11:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.

July 5, 2006
Grand Slam Literacy
Program at Parma
Heights Branch from
11:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.

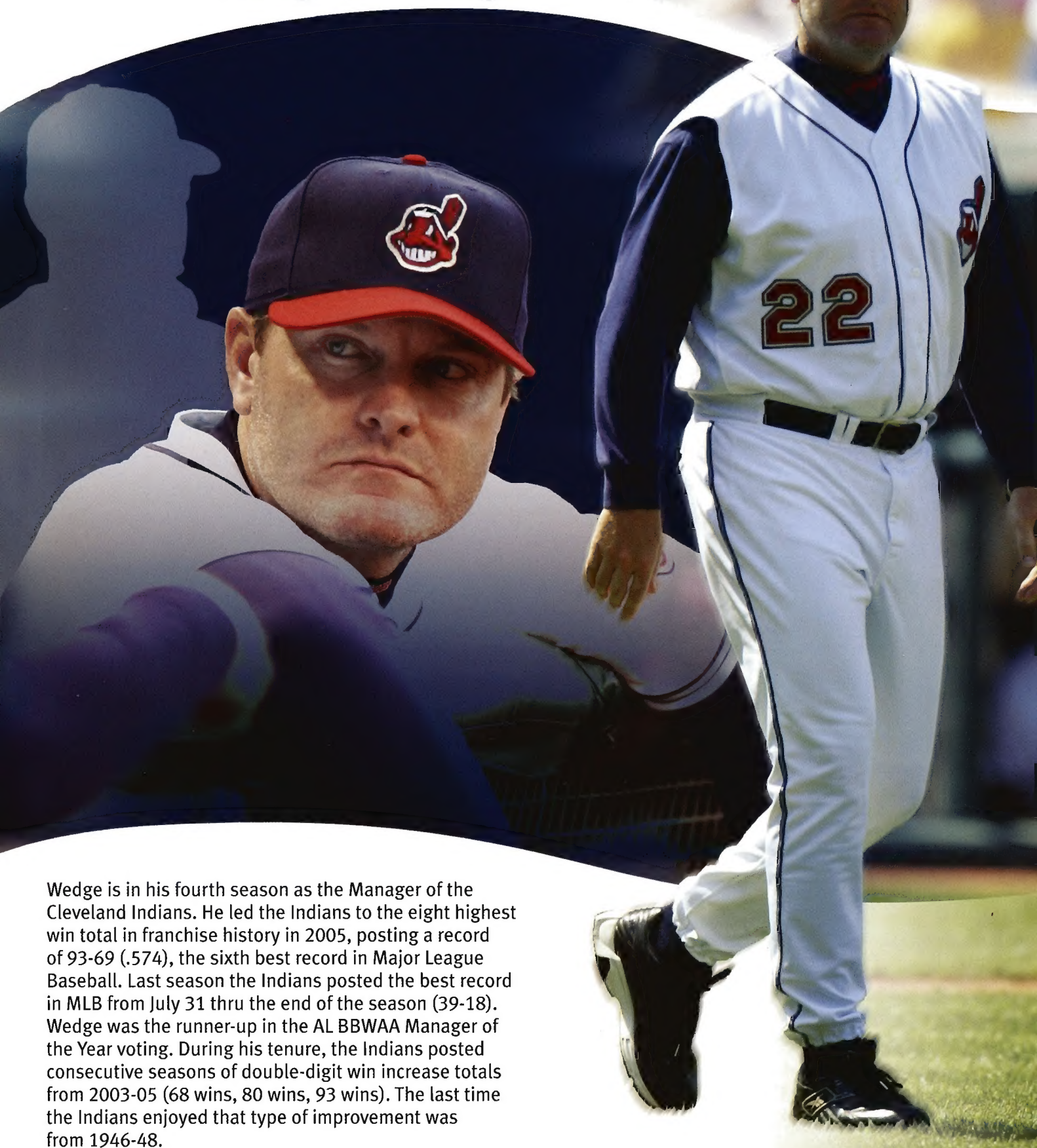
July 6, 2006
MYSTERY BALL
at Jacobs Field

July 26, 2006
Grand Slam Literacy
Program Finale
at Jacobs Field

July 27, 2006
Cleveland Indians
Charities Golf Outing

For updates on Cleveland
Indians Wives Association
events and future Kate's Page
entries, log onto indians.com
and visit the Indians
Community section.

Manager | **22**
Eric Wedge



Wedge is in his fourth season as the Manager of the Cleveland Indians. He led the Indians to the eight highest win total in franchise history in 2005, posting a record of 93-69 (.574), the sixth best record in Major League Baseball. Last season the Indians posted the best record in MLB from July 31 thru the end of the season (39-18). Wedge was the runner-up in the AL BBWAA Manager of the Year voting. During his tenure, the Indians posted consecutive seasons of double-digit win increase totals from 2003-05 (68 wins, 80 wins, 93 wins). The last time the Indians enjoyed that type of improvement was from 1946-48.

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AGE: 31, born April 7, 1975 in
Bronx, NY

POSITION: Infielder

B-T: R-R **HT:** 5'8", **WT:** 197

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Ronnie Belliard



AGE: 30, born April 29, 1975 in
Cumana, Venezuela

POSITION: Pitcher

B-T: R-R **HT:** 6'2", **WT:** 200

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Rafael Betancourt



AGE: 32, born August 23, 1973 in
Des Moines, IA

POSITION: Infielder/Outfielder

B-T: R-R **HT:** 6'2", **WT:** 210

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Casey Blake



AGE: 33, born March 9, 1973 in
La Mesa, CA

POSITION: Infielder

B-T: R-R **HT:** 6'2", **WT:** 200

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Aaron Boone



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in Beaumont, TX

POSITION: Infielder

B-T: L-L **HT:** 6'2", **WT:** 220

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Ben Broussard



AGE: 24, born November 16, 1981 in
Toja Baja, PR

POSITION: Pitcher

B-T: R-R **HT:** 6'4", **WT:** 220

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Fernando Cabrera



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AGE: 28, born June 3, 1977 in
Jamestown, ND
POSITION: Infielder/DH
B-T: L-R **HT:** 6'3", **WT:** 240

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Travis Hafner



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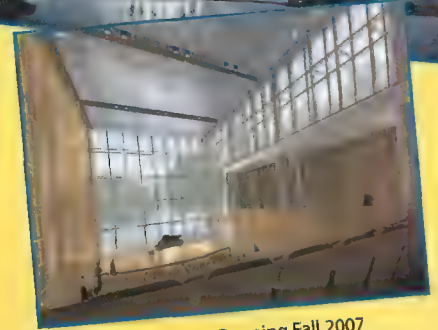
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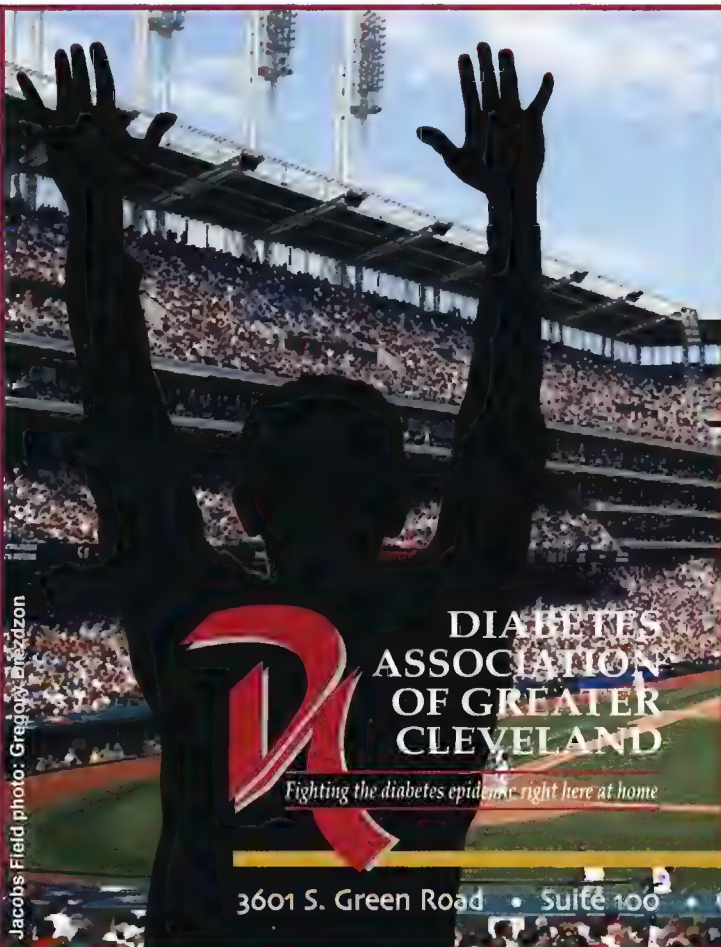
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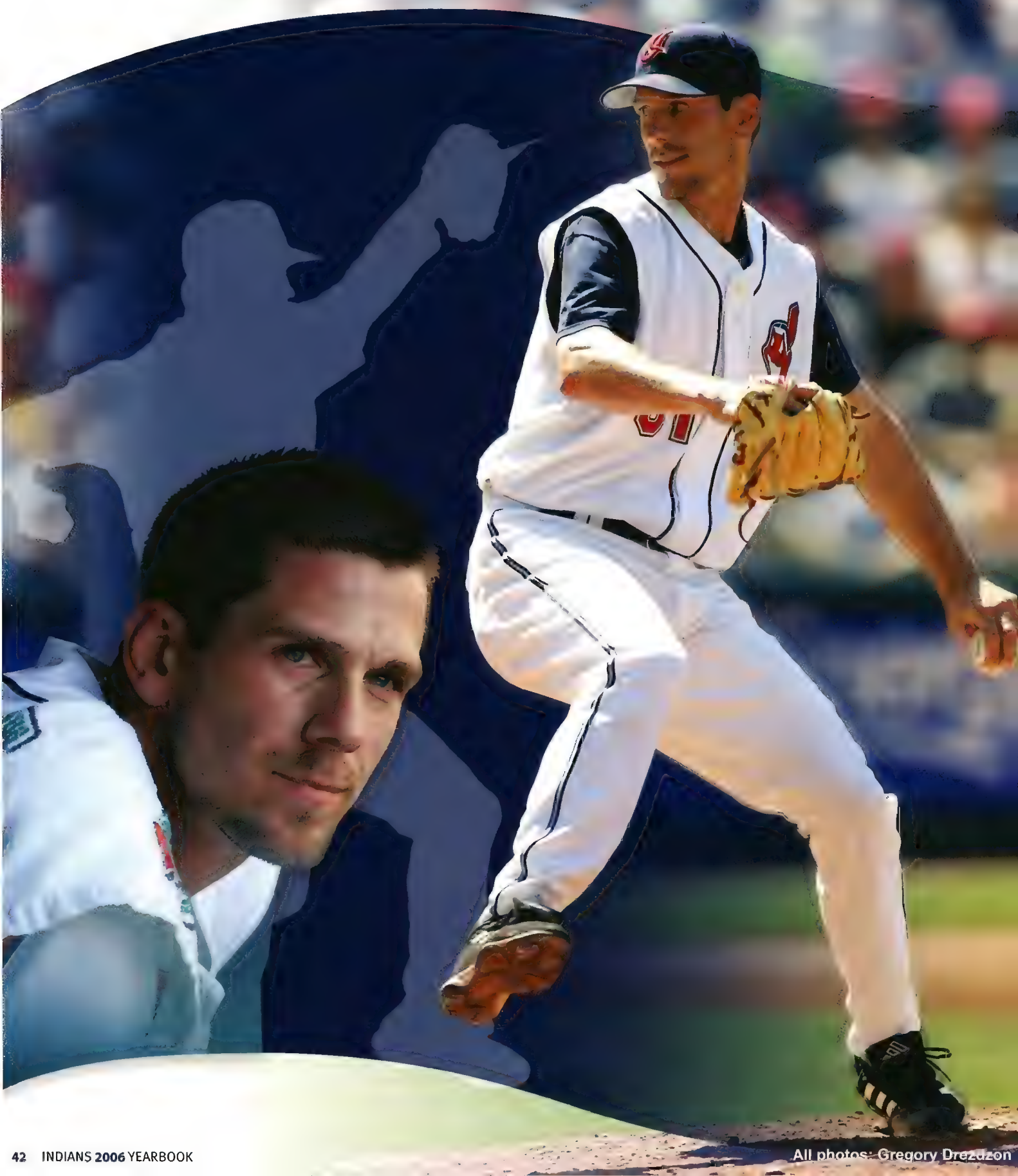
AGE: 27, born August 30, 1978 in
Benton, AR

POSITION: Pitcher

B-T: L-L **HT:** 6'3", **WT:** 190

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Cliff Lee



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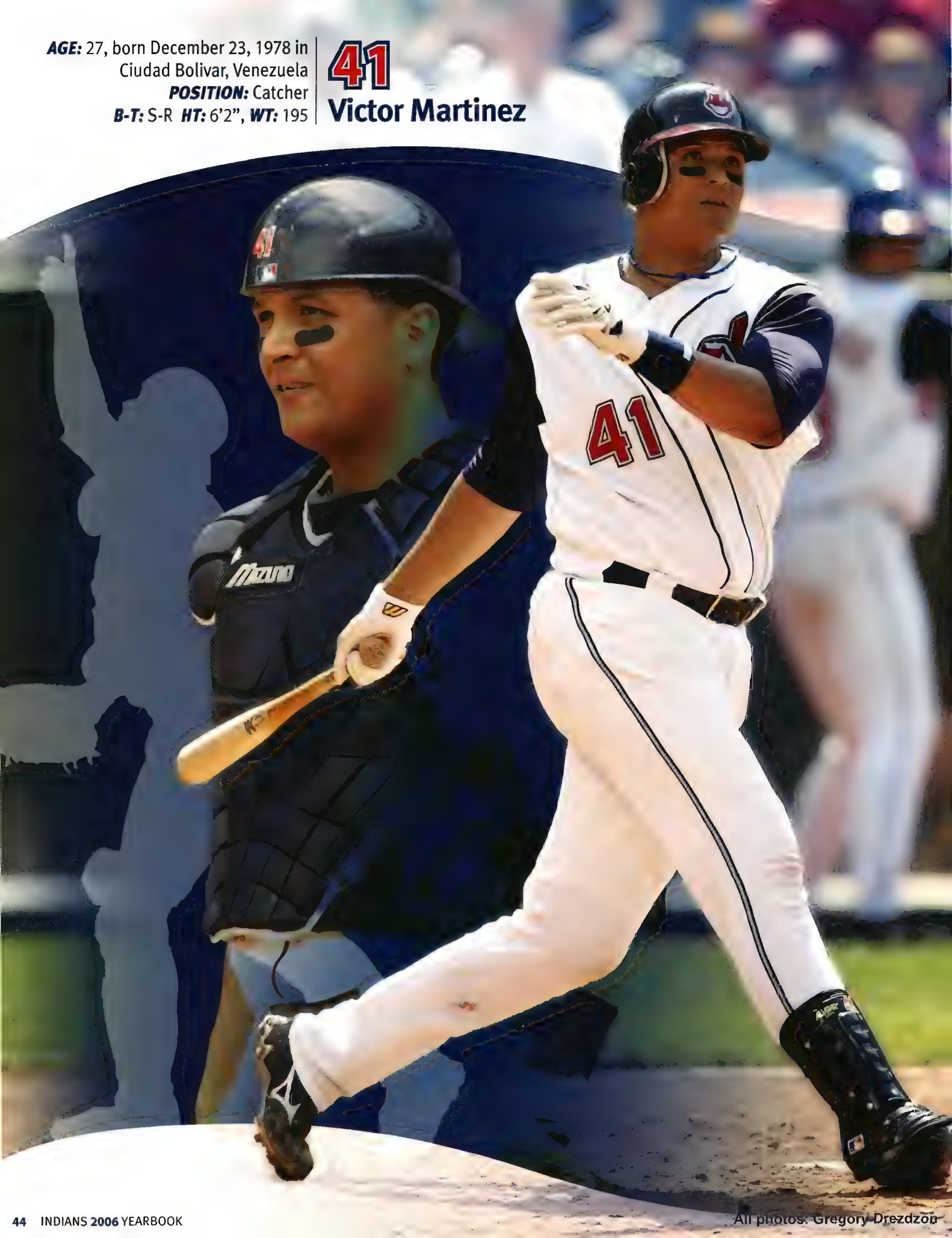
AGE: 27, born December 23, 1978 in
Ciudad Bolivar, Venezuela

POSITION: Catcher

B-T: S-R **HT:** 6'2", **WT:** 195

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Victor Martinez



AGE: 34, born November 23, 1971 in
Greenwood, MS
POSITION: Pitcher
B-T: R-R **HT:** 6'3", **WT:** 215

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Matt Miller



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AGE: 23, born May 28, 1982 in
Santiago, DR

POSITION: Infielder

B-T: R-R **HT:** 6'1", **WT:** 195

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Jhonny Peralta



AGE: 25, born July 21,
1980 in Vallejo, CA
POSITION: Pitcher
B-T: L-L **HT:** 6'7", **WT:** 290

52
C.C. Sabathia



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AGE: 34, born November 9, 1971 in Cincinnati, OH

POSITION: Pitcher

B-T: R-L **HT:** 6'3", **WT:** 200

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Scott Sauerbeck



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AGE: 23, born August 2, 1982 in
Seattle, WA

POSITION: Outfielder

B-T: L-L **HT:** 6'2", **WT:** 200

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Grady Sizemore



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AGE: 29, born August 21, 1976 in
Aibonito, PR

POSITION: Infielder

B-T: L-R **HT:** 5'11", **WT:** 170

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Ramon Vazquez



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AGE: 28, born September 29, 1977
in Athens, GA

POSITION: Pitcher

B-T: R-R **HT:** 6'3", **WT:** 200

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Jake Westbrook



AGE: 37, born February 6, 1969 in
Green Bay, WI

POSITION: Pitcher

B-T: R-R **HT:** 6'1", **WT:** 240

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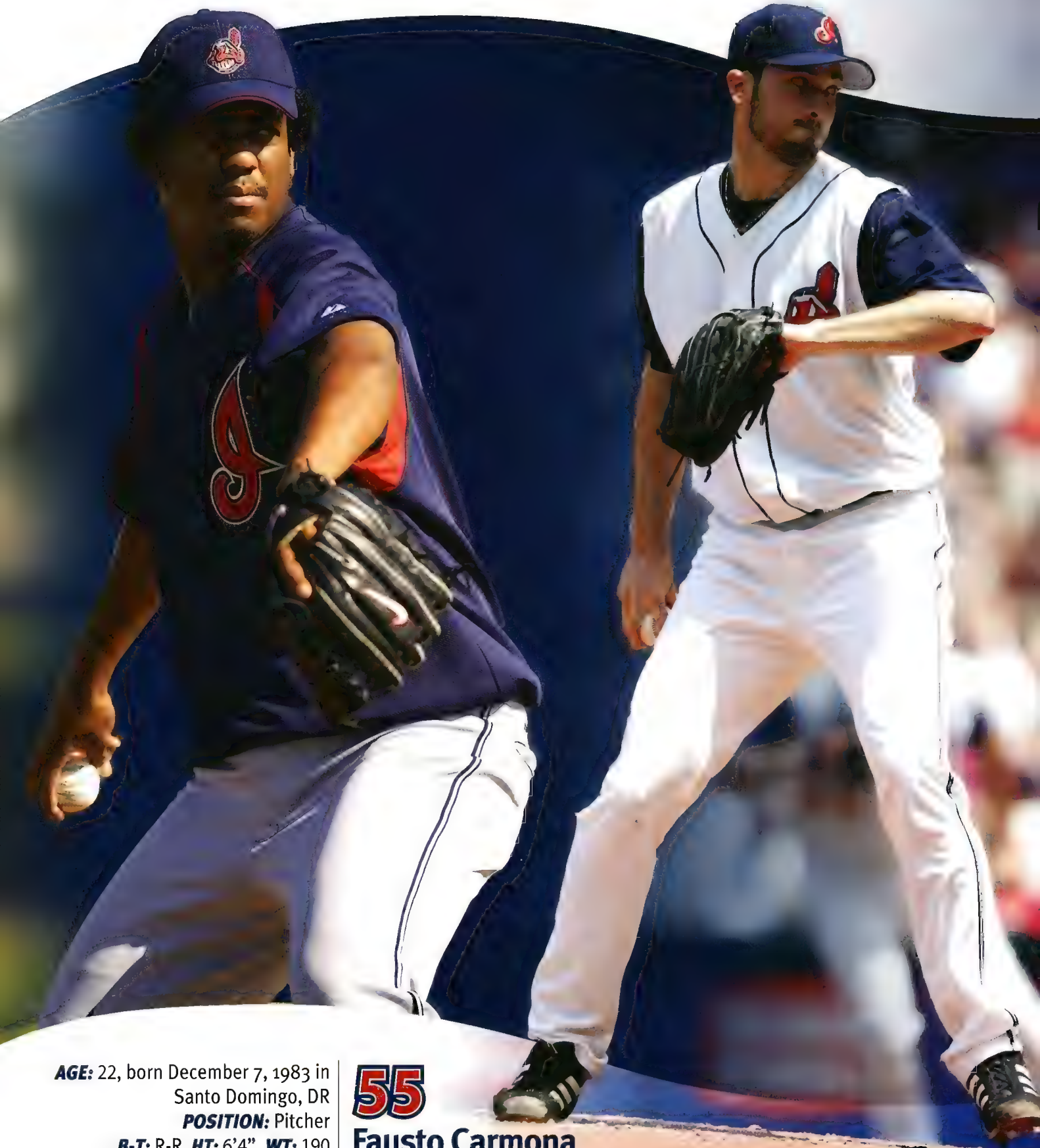
Bob Wickman



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AGE: 25, born May 8, 1980 in
Chattanooga, TN
POSITION: Pitcher
B-T: R-R **HT:** 6'6", **WT:** 210

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Jason Davis



AGE: 22, born December 7, 1983 in
Santo Domingo, DR
POSITION: Pitcher
B-T: R-R **HT:** 6'4", **WT:** 190

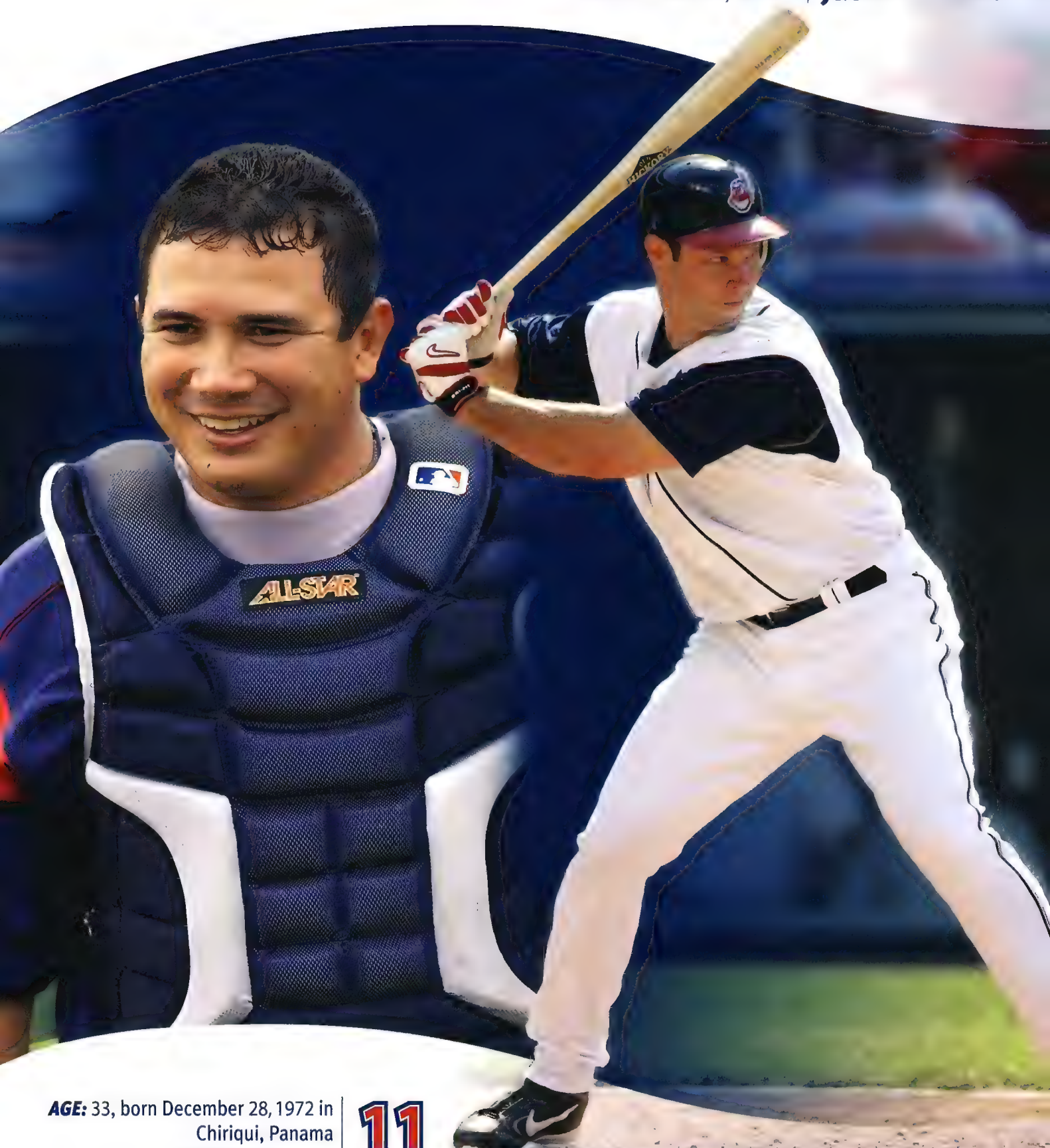
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Fausto Carmona

AGE: 27, born March 26, 1979 in
Virginia Beach, VA

POSITION: Outfielder
B-T: R-R **HT:** 6'5", **WT:** 220

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Jason Dubois



AGE: 33, born December 28, 1972 in
Chiriqui, Panama

POSITION: Catcher
B-T: R-R **HT:** 5'10", **WT:** 200

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Einar Diaz

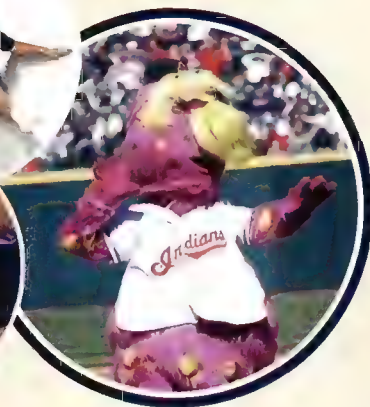
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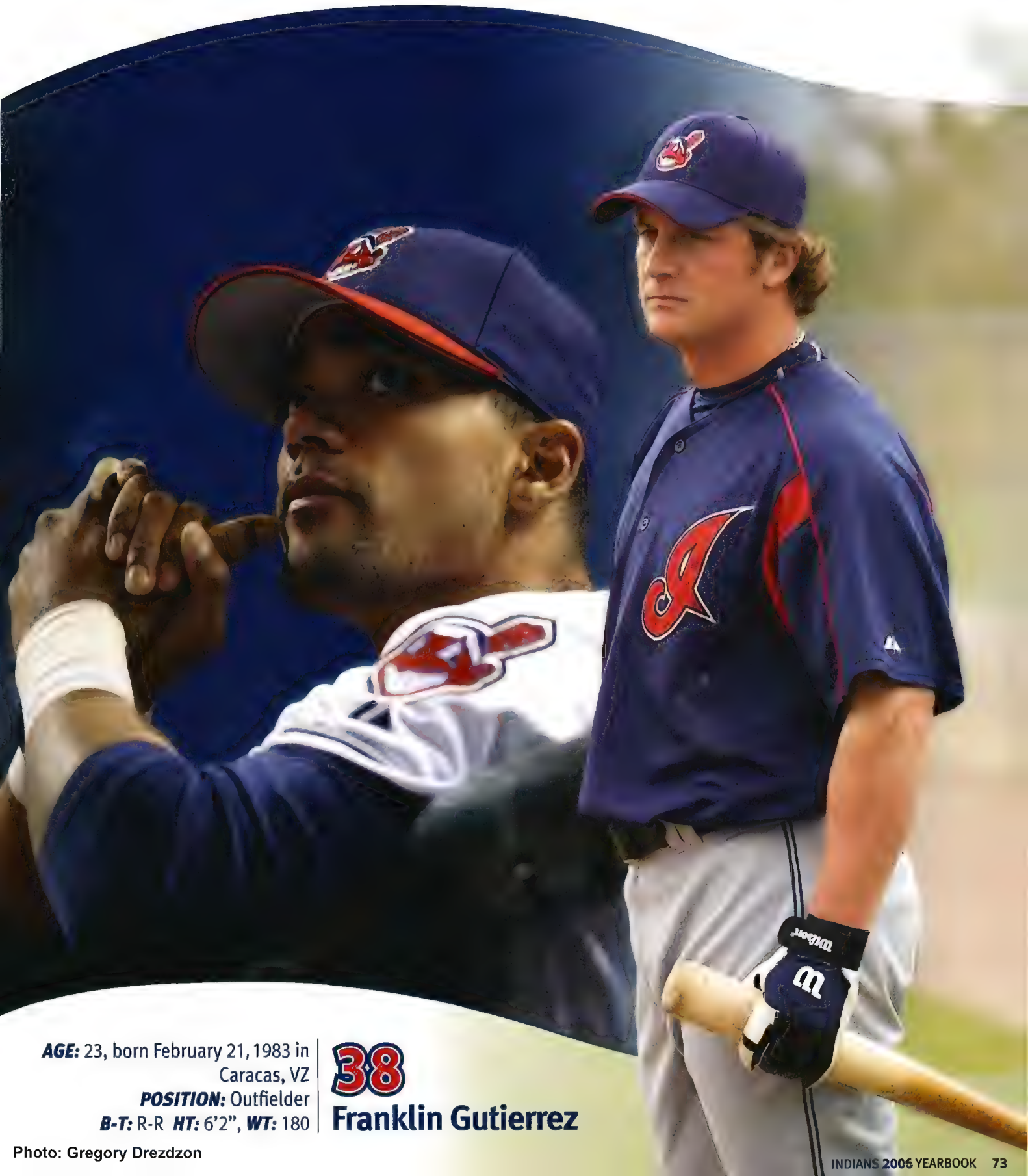
AGE: 32, born April 20, 1973 in
Dayton, OH

POSITION: Outfielder

B-T: L-L **HT:** 6'2", **WT:** 225

28

Todd Hollandsworth



AGE: 23, born February 21, 1983 in
Caracas, VZ

POSITION: Outfielder

B-T: R-R **HT:** 6'2", **WT:** 180

38

Franklin Gutierrez

AGE: 24, born June 28, 1981 in
Raleigh, NC

POSITION: Infielder

B-T: R-R **HT:** 6'0", **WT:** 195

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Brandon Phillips



AGE: 22, born October 21, 1983 in
Villa Tapia, DR

POSITION: Infielder

B-T: R-R **HT:** 6'1", **WT:** 190

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Andy Marte

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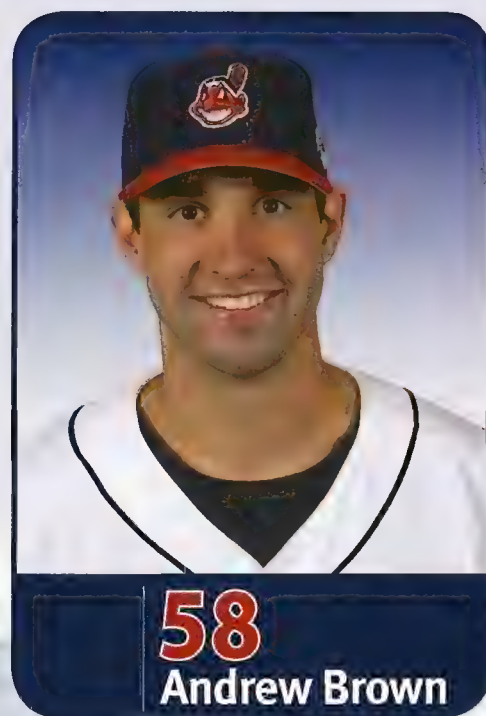


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Michael Aubrey

AGE: 24, born April 15, 1982 in Shreveport, LA

POSITION: Infielder

B-T: L-L **HT:** 6'0", **WT:** 195



58
Andrew Brown

AGE: 25, born February 17, 1981 in Chardon, OH

POSITION: Pitcher

B-T: R-R **HT:** 6'6", **WT:** 230



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Jake Gautreau

AGE: 26, born November 14, 1979 in McAllen, TX

POSITION: Infielder

B-T: L-R **HT:** 6'0", **WT:** 195



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Danny Graves

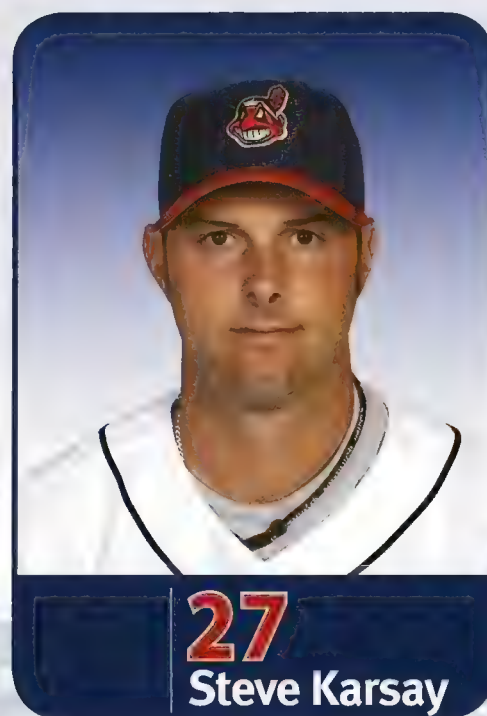
AGE: 32, born August 7, 1973 in Saigon, Vietnam

POSITION: Pitcher

B-T: R-R **HT:** 6'0", **WT:** 200



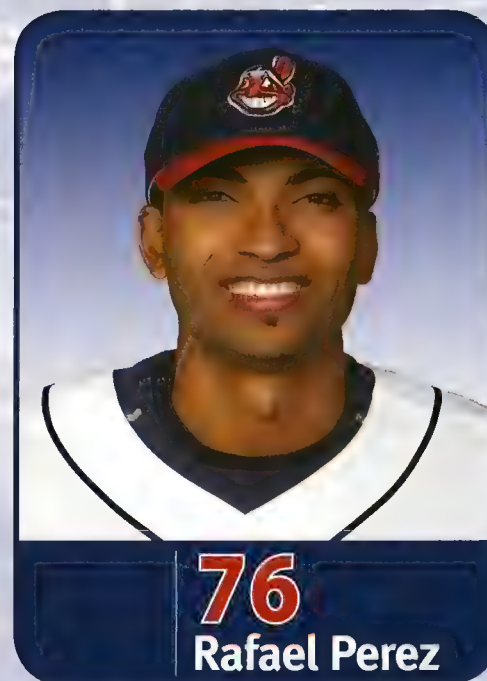
AGE: 27, born June 29, 1978 in Sacramento, CA
POSITION: Infielder/Outfielder
B-T: L-R **HT:** 5'10", **WT:** 180



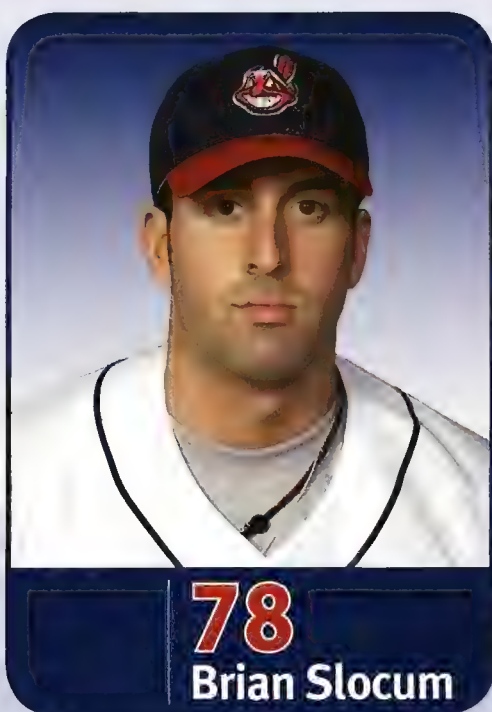
AGE: 34, born March 24, 1972 in Flushing, NY
POSITION: Pitcher
B-T: R-R **HT:** 6'3", **WT:** 215



AGE: 35, born April 6, 1971 in Framingham, MA
POSITION: Infielder
B-T: R-R **HT:** 5'10", **WT:** 200



AGE: 23, born May 15, 1982 in Santa Domingo, DR
POSITION: Pitcher
B-T: L-L **HT:** 6'3", **WT:** 185



78
Brian Slocum

AGE: 25, born March 27, 1981 in
New Rochelle, NY
POSITION: Pitcher
B-T: R-R **HT:** 6'4", **WT:** 200



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Brad Snyder

AGE: 23, born May 25, 1982 in
Sandusky, OH
POSITION: Outfielder
B-T: L-L **HT:** 6'3", **WT:** 200



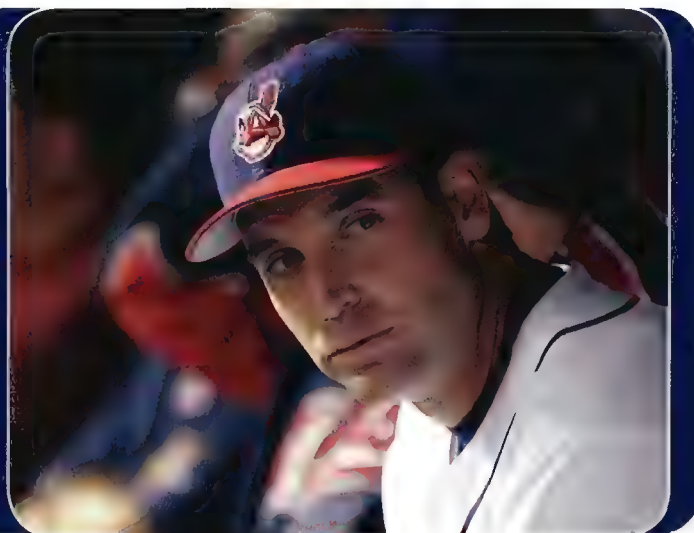
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Jason Stanford

AGE: 29, born January 23, 1977 in
Tucson, AZ
POSITION: Pitcher
B-T: L-L **HT:** 6'2", **WT:** 200

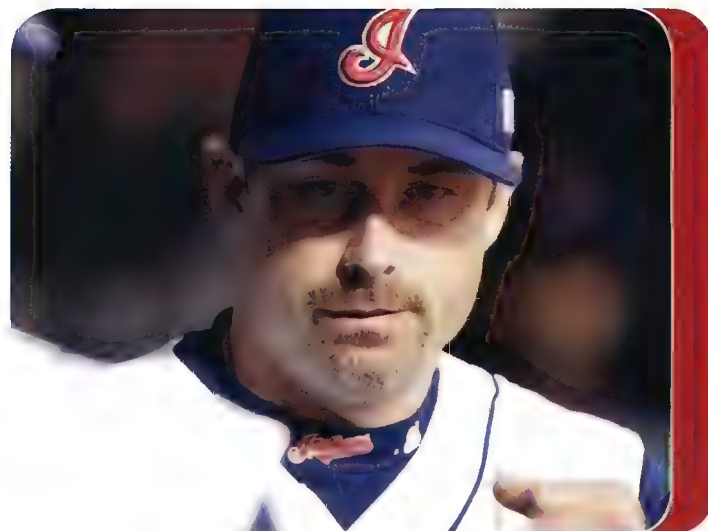


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Kazuhito Tadano

AGE: 25, born April 25, 1980 in
Tokyo, Japan
POSITION: Pitcher
B-T: R-R **HT:** 6'0", **WT:** 180


JOEL SKINNER **35**
Bench Coach

Begins his first year as Bench Coach on the Major League coaching staff, sixth season overall after being appointed on November 10, 2000. Joel served as interim manager during the second half of the 2002 season. He spent three seasons as a catcher with the Tribe (1989-91).


DEREK SHELTON **39**
Hitting Coach

Is currently in his second season after replacing Eddie Murray on June 4, 2005. Joined the Indians organization prior to the 2003 season and spent three seasons as the Hitting Coordinator for the entire Indians Player Development System.


CARL WILLIS **51**
Pitching Coach

Willis is entering his fourth season after being named to the post on March 19, 2003. Marks his tenth season in the Indians organization. The Indians captured their first ERA title since the 1996 season in 2005 as the Tribe hurlers posted an ERA of 3.61 under his tutelage. He was a member of the 1991 World Champion Minnesota Twins during his pitching career in the majors.


JEFF DATZ **29**
Third Base Coach

Is currently in his fifth season on the Major League coaching staff, his first year as Third Base Coach. He joined the staff on March 20, 2002 when he replaced Grady Little as Bench Coach.

AGE: 16 in 2006, born July 29, 1990

POSITION: Mascot

BATS: Yes! **THROWS:** Anything and Everything!

HT: Really up there! **WT:** You don't even want to know!

Slider





MANAGER'S MOUND

Eric Wedge speaks to 300 under-served/at risk youths from the Cleveland Public Schools.

Photo: Gregory Drezdson

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To impact the Northeast Ohio community through **recreational** initiatives.

RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

LARRY DOBY REVIVING BASEBALL IN INNER CITIES PROGRAM (RBI)

Administered by United Black Fund and funded by Cleveland Indians Charities (\$50,000), this baseball/softball program promotes athletic and academic achievements to Cleveland area boys and girls ages 13 to 18. In 2005, 420 boys/girls had the opportunity to participate in this league free of charge.

FIFTH THIRD BANK ROOKIE LEAGUE

Administered by the City of Cleveland Department of Parks and Recreation and funded by Cleveland Indians Charities (\$32,200), this league promotes the game of baseball to children

ages 7-12, with the focus being on fundamentals instead of winning. The Rookie League All-Star Game will be held August 16, 2006. In 2005, over 1,700 youths participated in the program.

CLEVELAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Two teams from the Cleveland Public Schools will battle for the city title on Jacobs Field.

HIGH SCHOOL HARBALL CLASSIC

Twelve high schools from Northeast Ohio participate in an interscholastic athletic contest on Jacobs Field. All proceeds from the Harball Classic benefit Cleveland Indians Charities.

MAY 4

3:00 p.m. Brush vs. Olmsted Falls
5:00 p.m. Poland vs. Canfield
7:30 p.m. Walsh Jesuit vs. St. Edwards

MAY 5

3:00 p.m. Brecksville-Broadview Heights vs. North Royalton
5:00 p.m. Hudson vs. Stow
7:30 p.m. Mentor vs. Shaker Heights



Photo: Gregory Drezdson

worked out in time to be completed for the home opener.

The batter's eye dilemma will likely be solved by trees that will provide a dark green background for hitters at the plate. Picnic tables will also be included in the Hall of Fame area.

"We just want to get it right," DiBiasio said.

Several scenarios were considered for the Hall of Fame. The club thought about having it indoors, where it could include artifacts from the ages. But space was an issue.

"When we started planning for an Indians Hall of Fame, we surveyed the entire ballpark for an indoor location that could properly house memorabilia and artifacts. We could not settle on a location," DiBiasio said. "The effort put forth just didn't seem like it was going to benefit enough people. Not enough people would be able to leave their seat and access an indoor

location. That's when we finally decided to attack the issue of how we could redesign the batter's eye. It's obviously the primary, critical element to the project."

The club plans to have design elements completed in time for the induction weekend of July 28-30, a time for fans to salute the long-overdue entrants into the team Hall.

With this year's inductees all pretty much being no-brainers, the Indians handled the induction process in-house. In future years, the public might be invited to take part in that process.

For now, though, the Indians are just happy they've knocked the dust off.

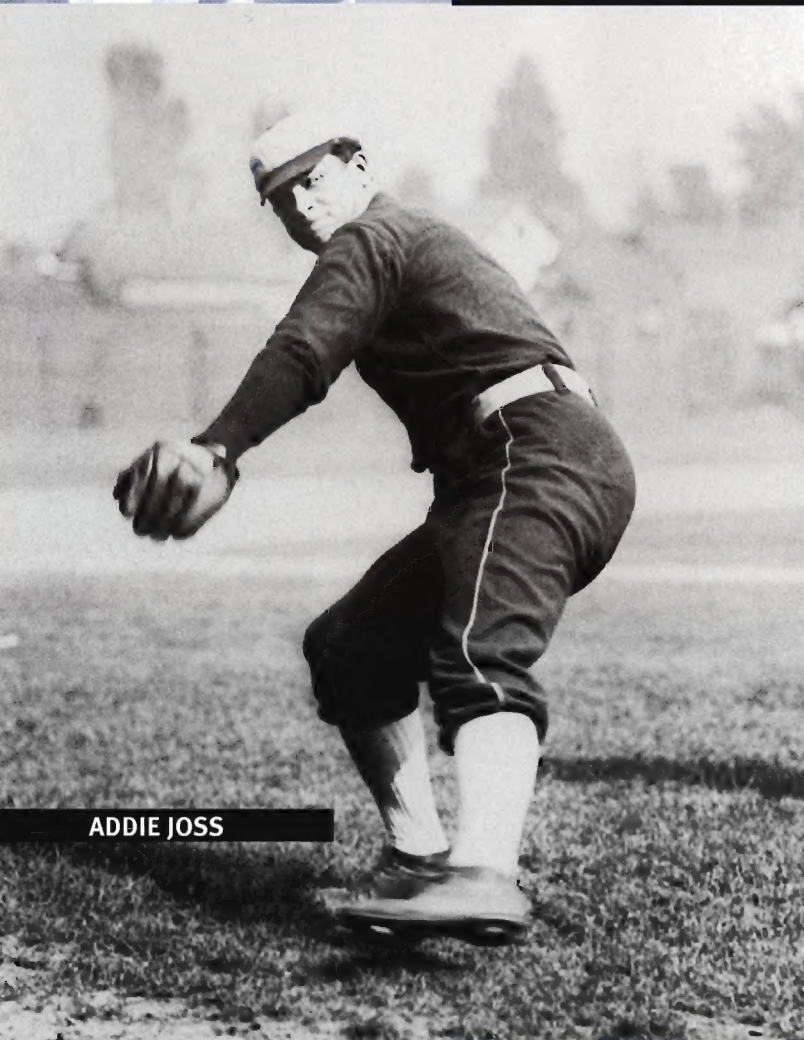
"With our rich tradition, it's imperative that we celebrate that history," DiBiasio said. "This is going to be a wonderful event for not only the players but our fans, as well."



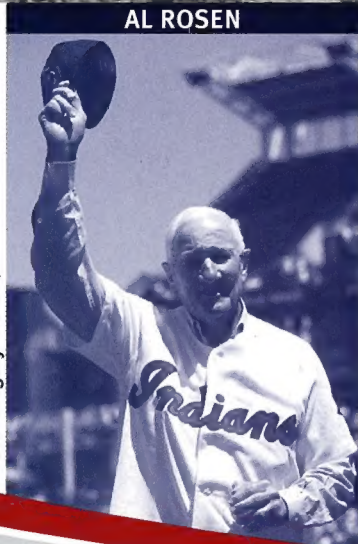
ROCKY COLAVITO & AL ROSEN



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ADDIE JOSS



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2006 INDUCTEES:

Addie Joss

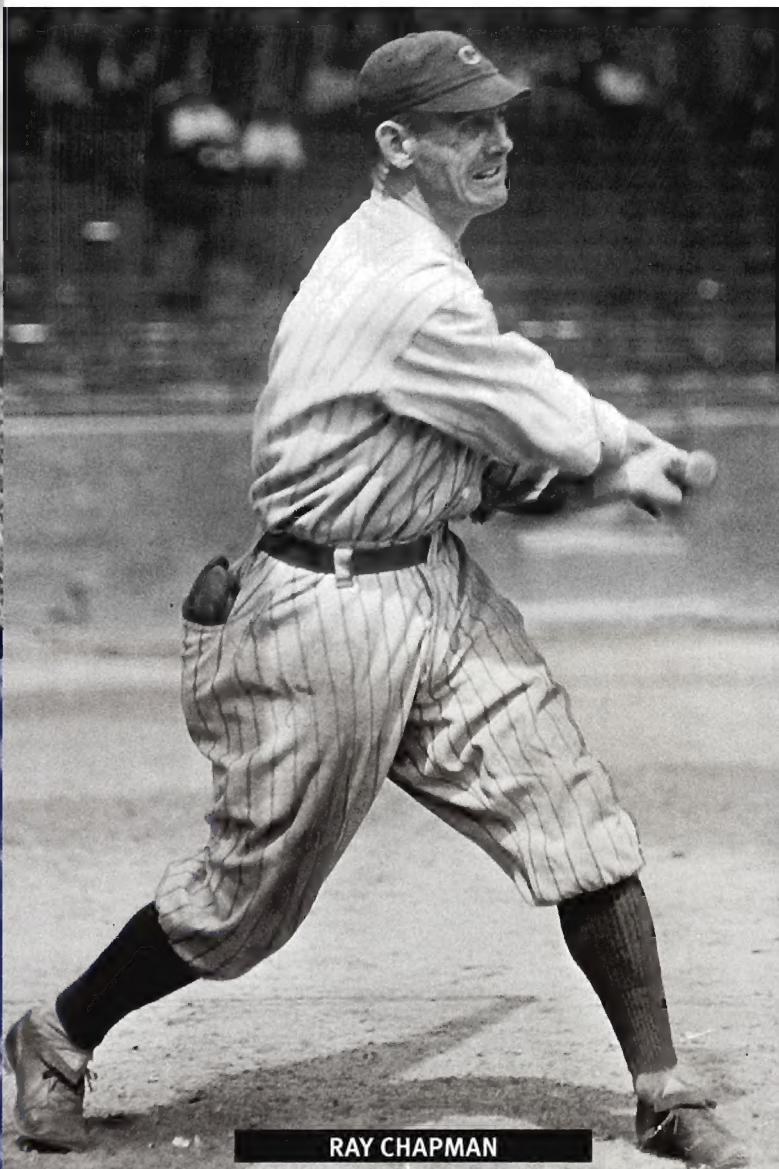
Tubercular meningitis cut short the life and career of Joss, who compiled four straight 20-win seasons for the Cleveland Blues and Naps. He never had a losing season, and 45 of his 160 career wins were shutouts. He's most famous for the perfect game he threw on Oct. 2, 1908, and a second no-hitter on April 30, 1910.

Al Lopez

Lopez was a fine catcher in the bigs, establishing a record of 1,918 games caught that stood for four decades. But his greatest triumphs came as a manager, especially with the 1954 club that won 111 games. He guided the Indians to two pennants and seven second-place finishes to the Yankees from 1951 to 1959.

Ray Chapman

The popular shortstop was a model of consistency on the field and at the plate. But on Aug. 16, 1920, while in the thick of helping the Indians to the 1920 American League pennant, Chapman's life came to a tragic end when he was hit in the temple by a pitch from Carl Mays. His death at the age of 29 made him the only on-field casualty in the history of the Major Leagues.



RAY CHAPMAN



Autographs

